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SUBJ: PRC EMBASSY SENSITIVE TO REFERENCE TO U.S.

RELATIONS WITH GRC

1. WE REGULARLY DISTRIBUTE USIS BULLETIN TO PRC EMBASSY AS WELL AS TO MOST OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS IN VIENTIANE. ON JANUARY 3 PRC EMBASSY RETURNED TO US IN A PLAIN BROWN ENVELOPE TWO COPIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BULLETIN AND ONE OF THE LAO LANGUAGE BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 29, HAVING UNDERLINED IN EACH COPY THE WORDS "TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA", WHICH APPEARED IN EXCERPT FROM THE TIME MAGAZINE INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER.

2. THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH READ:

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BEGIN QUOTE. A: I DON'T KNOW YET IF THERE IS ANY URGENCY ABOUT RESOLVING THE DIFFERENCES THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE MAINLAND AND TAIWAN. I WOULD GO INTO THAT VERY CAUTIOUSLY. WE HAVE A DEFENSE PACT WITH TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND WE SEE THE NEED TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. I DON'T REALLY KNOW TO WHAT DEGREE (TAIPEI AND PEKING)

WANT TO ACCOMMODATE OUR COMMITMENTS AND AT THE SAME TIME SEARCH FOR A WAY TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES. END QUOTE.

3. WE ASSUME THAT THIS IS AN EXTREMELY ORIENTAL INDICATION OF DISPLEASURE WITH THE REFERENCE TO "TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA". SINCE THE BULLETIN ITEM WAS A DIRECT QUOTE FROM THE TIME INTERVIEW AND SINCE WE DO IN FACT HAVE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, WE INTEND SIMPLY TO IGNORE THIS MATTER AND TO CONTINUE TO DISTRIBUTE FUTURE COPIES OF THE BULLETIN TO THE PRC EMBASSY IN THE USUAL MANNER. CORCORAN

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